

**REMARKS**

The rejected claims 1, 24 and 25 are being cancelled, without prejudice, thereby leaving only claims that have already been allowed. The Office Action states that allowable claims 2 - 5, 26 and 27 need to be rewritten in independent form but this appears to be in error. These claims have already been rewritten in independent form, by the Amendment filed on July 18, 2005.


**Information Disclosure Statement**

There is no evidence that a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, also filed on July 18, 2005, has been considered and the references thereof made of record in the file of the present application. A copy is therefore being filed herewith in order to identify it but without duplicate copies of the references that were filed July 18, 2005. This Statement provided references and a Written Opinion of the European Patent Office in a corresponding PCT application. Consideration of each of the listed references and making them of record in the file of the present are respectfully requested.

**Conclusion**

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of its allowance is solicited. However, if the Examiner has any further matters that need to be resolved, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at 415-318-1163 would be appreciated.

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